

EPA to Convene PFAS National Dialogue

WASHINGTON—Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent a letter to states outlining the agency's plans to convene a national dialogue on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) this spring in Washington, D.C. PFAS is a category of man-made chemicals that have been widely used to make products because of their stain-resistant, waterproof and/or nonstick properties.

"EPA's national dialogue will bring together stakeholders from across the country to identify solutions that will help protect public health from PFAS," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "Through this event, we are providing critical national leadership, while ensuring that our state, tribal and local partners have the opportunity to shape our path forward."

The National Dialogue will be hosted in Washington, D.C. on May XX, 2018. Key areas of discussion will include:

- EPA's ongoing implementation of actions to support states, tribes and local communities
- Emerging challenges currently facing states and local communities
- Status of EPA, state and other efforts to characterize risks from PFAS and develop new monitoring and treatment/cleanup techniques
- Development of risk communication tools and recommendations for addressing PFAS contamination in the environment

Following the meeting, EPA will visit states with communities impacted by PFAS to further engage on ways the agency can best support the work that's being done at the state, local and tribal levels. Using information from the National Dialogue and community engagement, EPA plans to develop a PFAS Management Plan for release later this year.

EPA has also developed a new infographic and updated the PFAS website to highlight ongoing work by the Agency, including the development of additional toxicity values, analytical methods for additional PFAS and non-drinking water media as well as treatment options for PFAS in drinking water. Additionally, details on the National Dialogue and community engagement events will be posted on the website as materials become available.

Additional information: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>